

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE  
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MEDIUM  
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 12, 2005, having a  
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on December 12, 2005, Applicant submits

herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.